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WHITEHOUSE FOR BOURNE

FROM MFALCO

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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIAN SUPPORT FOR UNFDAC

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1. IN MEETING FEBRUARY 17 WITH MR. JON AASE, NORWEGIAN
OBSERVER TO UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUG
(CND) AND COUNSELLOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OSLO,
I PRAISED HIS GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER
COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW NORWAY'S LEAD IN CONTRIBUTING TO UNFDAC
PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS. (TEXT OF NORWEGIAN
SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF A CND RESOLUTION TO THIS EFFECT WILL
BE POUCHED.) AASE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT BECAUSE OF THE
RECENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN SWEDEN, CONDITIONS THERE
ARE NOW FAR MORE FAVORABLE FOR UNFDAC TO OBTAIN A SUBSTAN-
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TIAL DEVELOPMENT AID CONTRIBUTION, PERHAPS TO BE USED FOR
FURTHER PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, AND LAOS. AASE
INDICATED THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY OFFER
A NEW ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE NEXT YEAR, AND THAT THERE IS
GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS EFFORT IN THE NEW SWEDISH
CABINET.

2. AASE STRONGLY URGED ME TO HAVE OUR EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM APPROACH THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO EXPRESS U.S. SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AID CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY AT THE FIRST SECRETARY OR COUNSELLOR LEVEL FIRST MEET WITH MR. GUNNAR WETTERBERG, COUNSELLOR IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND INDICATE THAT WE HAD HEARD FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GENEVA CND MEETINGS THAT SWEDEN MIGHT BE INCREASINGLY RECEPTIVE TO THIS CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT AID CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC. (AASE ALSO INDICATED THAT MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ME. AASE HAS HIGH REGARD FOR WETTERBERG, WHO APPARENTLY DOES ALL THE STAFF WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT AID AREA.) IN AASE'S VIEW, AFTER THESE PREPARATORY U.S.-SWEDEN MEETINGS AT THE WORKING LEVELS, REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. HANS BLIX, WHO HAS SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ALLOCATIONS. AASE BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN APPROACH BY THE U.S. TO THE SWEDES WOULD SUCCESSFULLY REINFORCE NORWAY'S PARALLEL EFFORTS, AND WOULD HELP SECURE A LARGE SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.

3. A FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE WORLD BANK, AASE ALSO STRONGLY EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S
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AUGUST 2, 1977, DRUG ABUSE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS WHICH STRESSED THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLDWIDE EFFORT TO CURTAIL ILLICIT NARCOTIC CROP CULTIVATION. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, AASE HAS PERSONALLY UNDERTAKEN TO REINFORCE THAT VIEW WITH NORDIC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO URGE THEIR MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT LOANS IN PRIMARY OPIUM PRODUCING AREAS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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